The Illinois Staats Zeitung celebrated a week ago its fiftieth anniversary. Our congratulations! We shall follow with our twentyfitth in June. Tempus fugit.

-----Light on the Tariff Bill.

In the course of his remarks on the Tariff bill in the House this week, Mr. Lentz, the well known Democratic Congressman from Ohio, said:

But let me give you some more truta about the other side of the House, the majority. This bill we are now requested to railfoad was prepared in secret session by the Ways and Means Committee, and the Democratic minority had nothing to do with it After the document was complete the minority was led to the table to hear it read, while the majority stood around with the thumbs of thei impudence in the armpits of their inso

I would ask a question of the other sid of the House, of the majority responsib for this bill. Why did you take the intended 4 cent tax off of coffee, and thus save Arbuckle \$3,500,000 on his 700,000 sacks? Why was it that after a visit from a representative of Arbuckle three milli n and a half dollars which would have been in the Treasury in thirty days was lost to this Government Why did you not put a tax on cham pagne, silks and diamonds instead of or the beer the poor workingman drinks and the ounces of tobacco he smokes

"Vankee Impudence."

American sense of humor was irresistibly tickled by the details of the capture of the big steamer Panama, mounting four 14 pound guns and carrying a crew of seventy-four, by the little lighthouse tender Mangrove, mounting two 6 pound guns and carrying thirteen men.

There is such a thing as Yankee impudence, and it is a complete de light-to Yankees anyway. When Commander Everett got his prize he could not spare but one man to take possession of her, and when Ensign Dayton, trim and dapper, just out of Annapolis, stepped aboard the big ship and "took command," doubtless with the gravity of an Admiral followed by 500 grim bluejackets, he completed a picture in contemplation of which millions of his countrymen smiled in delighted approval.

Bless the nervy, impudent youngster! How proud he must have felt, and how proud we are of him!

Senator Chandler

publicly declared that until recently it was not the intention of McKinley to force Spain to give up Cuba; that he and his minister Woodward had always been working against Cuban independence, in fact never mentioned a word about the latter.

McKinley has been driven by Why the Spanish ships do not come | tion to this rule. He also says he over quicker, is known to him. By is willing to double the internal keeping them back and doing revenue taxes, if the Republicans nothing he still hopes to make an ask it, for war purpopses, but he is has been done by our fleet before Havana has been against his will. Thus he was thunderstruck when the first Spanish ship was captured. Secretary Long now declares openly that the firing upon Matanzas was without orders from Washington.

Our officers are mad over their forced inactivity. This policy may of taxes on their necessities, to pay turn out most disastrous to us. It ought to be stopped. This war can be finished within four weeks if Mr. McKinley would allow it.

Sentimentalism Gone to Seed.

The regret expressed by Prof. Charles Eliot Norton to a class of Harvard students that "such a powerful nation as the United States should engage to fight such a weak country" is a case of perverted sympathy and sentimental ism gone to seed.

It Professor Norton must expenhis sympathies on the weak, with out regard to the fact that his coun try's honor is involved, wh; doesn't he have some pity for the Cubans whom Spain has oppresse: and especially for the 300,000 non combatants whom Spain is starv ing to death?

If the United States are not t punish any nation that is weake: than themselves for an injury and an insult like those involved in the treacherous destruction of the Maine, in the harbors of how many nations would our vessels be saf: from a combination of mines and miscreant?

To carry this sentimentalism into civil affairs, did Prof. Norton "regret" the action of the powerful

doom of perpetual ejectment from this hemisphere. The size of the policeman is not regulated by the fighting weight of either juvenile or senile criminals, and the United States are not excused from their duty in regard to Spain by the fact

that they are the bigger nation. Prot. Norton's advice to the Harvard men not to enlist is of course disloyal, and the higher authorities of that university should the financial condition of Spain take some notice of it.

To the Democratic Senators.

OF TAXATION.

There being hardly any doubt that the large Republican majority of the House will pass the bill to double the tax on the poor man's beverage, especially as the Demo cratic members of the House are above debt the Spanish Governmisled on the question by the shortsightedness of their leaders, we appeal to you, Senators, to follow the policy which you pursued last year, when unanimously in caucus you voted against an increase of the beer tax. Ot all the articles mentioned in

Mr. Dingley's schedule beer is to be taxed the highest, notwithstanding the present tax is the old war tax of 1864. It is paid principally by the laboring classes. No other country in the world taxes beer as high as we do now, and this tax is to be doubled! Seventy millions annually are to be paid by our poorer classes on an article that is partly food with them.

Why this enormous tax? The war, if properly conducted, should be over in less than four weeks. It has not cost as yet fifty millions, and this has merely been expended for reparations-ships, guns, fortifications, &c .- which we should have without war

Why then this unnecessary taxation? Unnecessary, as we have money enough in the Treasury, and, if we want ready money, can get any quantity by selling 3 per cent bonds to our own people.

And then why tax the poor so outrageously and not also the rich? Why not adopt an income tax, as exists in every civilized country? Why press to the ground the laboring men, who mostly are all Democrats now, and will continue to be if the Democrats assist in protecting them against this additional year on one article of daily use that pays already thirty-five millions annually?

Why will you Democratic Senators not protect your constituents? Why will you leave them to the mercies of their enemies, the Republicans, many of them prohibitionists.

Mr. Bailey says that the brewers pay the beer tax. He ought to know that in every case the con-Congress a little farther than that sur er and not the manufacturer now. But his heart is the same. pays the tax. There is no exceparrangement with Spain which will unwilling to allow the issue of save the Spanish bonds. All that three per cent bonds, because he wants the present generation to tax future generations.

Even if we should issue five hundred millions of bonds, they would only cost fifteen millions a year in interest, and could gradually be paid off, without forcing the present generation through a doubling all the expenses of the war at

Besides the internal revenue taxes come in by monthly payment. They are not paid in adnecessary anyhow.

Remember that the beer tax is a tax on the poor. It is a high tax now, and it will be an outrage to double it. Pass an income tax bill, and make the rich pay also, and you will have plenty money without doubling the war beer

Democrats! Be true to right and justice! Treat all alike, and have the same feeling for the laboring man as for the million aire. You know that the great burden of taxation already rests upon the laboring classes. Treat them right and they will look upon the Democratic party as the bulwark of their liberty and protection.

Let the beer tax alone! The present thirty-five millions a year are enough! Let the rich pay their share of taxation through an income tax! That is true Democracy!

Lee Will Be There,

SENOR CARRANZA has sent a challenge to Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. Now, Gen. Lee is at this present a commonwealth of Massachusetts very busy man, but if Senor Caran arresting, condemning and im- ranza is really anxious to meet the prisoning for lite the "boy mur- doughty Virginian in combat we derer" Jesse Pomeroy? Would he | suggest that he go at once to Cuba have had this little hend over- and enlist in the Spanish forces hauled by a loy of his own size and there. It is currently reported melodrama for humor, and with the defects is reserved. Detailed schedules

Spanish and Cuban Pinances. The nearness of Italy to Spain and the sympathy, as well as the community of commercial interests, existing between the two nations, lead the Italian journals, and especially those of the industrial centres of the north, to devote con siderable attention to Spanish af fairs. A case in point is an exceptionally well informed article on just published by the Gazzetta del Popoto of Turin. The Cuban debt, guaranteed first by the Cuban cus toms, and secondly by Spain, of which the coupons are payable in gold, amounts to no less than 2,-248,400,000 pesetas (\$450,000,000), bearing interest to the amount of nearly \$40,000,000 a year Most of these bonds are in Spanish hands, having been accepted in great part by the Bank of Spain as security for advances made to the Government. In addition to the ment is liable for nearly \$100,000,ooo in respect of arrears of pay to the army and navy, to contractors, and to pensioners, as well as for the sum of \$10,000,000 a month due to Marshal Blanco for war expenses in Cuba. Before the outbreak of the present insurrection the annual revenue of Cuba did not suffice to cover the sums needed for interest and sinking fund in respect of debts previously contracted by the Government of the island, and therefore Spaniards were agreed that the debts incurred in putting down this insurrection must be assumed by Spain. When granting the recent Cuban Constitution, however, the Spanish Government left this point unsettled, postponing its solution until more peaceful times. The Spanish authorities are therefore confronted

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by the following situation. Cuba

cannot bear any further burden of

debt, and Spain is not in a position

to assume any further financial

charge, since her recent budgets

have shown a deficit of between

\$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000 a year,

the deficit being chiefly due to the

\$80,000,000 annually required for

the service of the public debt of

Manager Rapley's attraction at the New National Theatre the week beginning Monday evening next will be no less than Mr, Charles Frohman's polished, popular and fashionable star, Mr. taxation of thirty five millions a John Drew, now rounding out his sixth under that astute management. Mr. Drew was seen here earlier in the season in "A Marriage of Convenience," the brilliant comedy of manners which Sydney Grundy made into English from the French of the earlier Dumas. During the coming visit to the National he will be seen in a character and play of an altogether different sort, as Major Dick Rudyard in "One Summer's Day." The latter play has never before been seen in Washington, and, therefore, it has the element of novelty. It is described as a love story and classed a comedy, and is from the pen of Henry V, Es mond, a young gentleman who is known as the William Gillette of England, because of his ability not only to write plays, but to act in them. Mr. Esmond is reputed to be only twenty-eight years of age, yet he has played a round of parts that would astonish a veteran of the stage, ranging from Sir Francis Levison in "East Lynne" to Bill Sykes in "Oliver Twist." Besides he has writitself to death for the benefit of ten several plays that have met with considerable success, and it is interesting to note that it was in his Courtship of Leonie, at the Lyceum, New York, some years ago, that Miss Mary Mannering made her first American appearance. His "One Summer's Day" has entirely satisfied London playgoers, if we are to udge by its run of over six months at the Comedy Theatre, begun in September last and brought to a close only a few weeks ago. John Drew pleased New Yorkers with it for seven weeks at Wallack's Theatre, though the engagement originally was for only five weeks. The play is altogether modern in coloring and therefore in sharp contrast to vance. Hence some bonds will be the Grundy Dumas play, the scene of which was laid in the middle of the last century. The first two acts of "One Summer's Day" are supposed to take place in a picturesque, sunlit grove on an island in the Thames, where all the characters come to picnic, and where a band of gypsies is encamped. The third and last act is a moonlit lawn on the same historic river, where the denouement of the story is shown and where Mr. Drew has opportunity to exploit the more serious side of his star. The supporting company will be found strong and well balanced, and will include in its feminine contingent Misses Isabel Irving, May Buckley, Ida Vernon. Bijou Fernandez and Mrs. Delos King. The masculine portion of the company includes Messrs. Arthur W. Byron, D. H. Harkins, James O. Barrows, Frank Lamb, Morgan Coman, Graham Henderson, Neil Keating and others. Wednesday and Saturday matinees are announced, and Manager Rapley looks to a profitable as well as exceedingly

fashionable week, "The World Against Her," Frank Harvey's five act melodrama, will be the attraction at the Academy next week. The sensational element of the play is said to be good, and keeps the interest of the audience throughout. Mr. Harvey believes in situations that thrill, and a bare knuckle fight in a counterfeiters' underground den between the husband and the villain is one of the devices that he uses effectively. The characters are not those taken from the ranks of wealth, but from the masses, and the shadows that cloud the lives are pictured earnestly and dramatically. There is plenty of opportunity in the let go after a maternal spanking?

Spain is the Jesse Pomeroy of nations—in all save her age—and richly deserves her impending richly deserves richly deserves her impending richly deserves her impending richly deserves her impending richly deserves ric

The Eagle and the Harp

ome forth from the hills and mountains and Ye sons of an honest soil! Buckle your sword and armour on, And cease from the struggle and toil

Of everyday life, w th its sweets and its joy. I am the minstrel who sings, When America's Eagle swoops down from th And touches the harp with his wings

O Plunderer, Tyrant, your sires reek blood-The Aztec-Inca-O Spain! Long years of oppression to Cuba, and now-

hat have you to say of the Maine? The Nation is hammering steel. Behold! The East, the West are combinedir ships are manned and ready—Beware! The North and the South are enlined. With a patience untold-endurance sublime Our Chief stands waiting-O Spain!

The waves that have washed many wrecks int Will never wash blood from the Maine

Beware of a nation that bears on its crest No mark of dishonor or bar; hat never submitted to tyrant's misrule, Desirous of ; eace-goes to war.

he women are silently trimming the lamps, For every hero a shrine. and even the children are cheering the flag-The Blues and the Grays are in line. steadily, steadily on-goes the work There's a hush o er sea and land; Ten million heroes, the bravest and true, Are waiting the Chief's command.

om his rock-ribbed eerie the Eagle has swooped-Long are his talons and sharp-Vith an eye on the flag, unsullied and bright His wing is sweeping the harp.

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